

Employee Post-Travel Disclosure of Travel Expenses

Date/Time Stamp:
SECRETARY OF THE SENATE

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Post-Travel Filing Instructions: Complete this form within 30 days of returning from travel. Submit all forms to the **Office of Public Records in 232 Hart Building.**

In compliance with Rule 35.2(a) and (c), I make the following disclosures with respect to travel expenses that have been or will be reimbursed/paid for me. I also certify that I have attached:

- ☒ The **original** *Employee Pre-Travel Authorization* (Form RE-1), **AND**
- ☒ A **copy** of the *Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form* with all attachments (itinerary, invitee list, etc.)

American Israel Education Foundation

Private Sponsor(s) (list all):

Travel date(s): August 12-20, 2017

Name of accompanying family member (if any):

Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child

IF THE COST OF LODGING DID NOT INCREASE DUE TO THE ACCOMPANYING SPOUSE OR DEPENDENT CHILD, ONLY INCLUDE LODGING COSTS IN EMPLOYEE EXPENSES. (Attach additional pages if necessary.)

Expenses for Employee:

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
<input type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimate				
<input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amount				

Expenses for Accompanying Spouse or Dependent Child (if applicable):

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
<input type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimate				
<input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amount				

Provide a description of all meetings and events attended. See Senate Rule 35.2(c)(6). (Attach additional pages if necessary.): I attended meetings primarily with government officials to discuss security issues, including missile defense and terrorism.

I also visited historical sites and met with academics and cultural representatives (see also attached itinerary for by-meeting descriptions).

9/7/17
(Date)

Jared J. Jones
(Printed name of traveler)

Jared J. Jones
(Signature of traveler)

TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISING MEMBER/OFFICER:

I have made a determination that the expenses set out above in connections with travel described in the *Employee Pre-Travel Authorization* form, are necessary transportation, lodging, and related expenses as defined in Rule 35.

9/7/17
(Date)

Shelley Mone Caputo
(Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer)

**American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)
Educational Seminar in Israel
U.S. Congressional Staff
August 12-20, 2017**

FINAL ITINERARY

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12

4:59 United #4254 departs Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport

6:24 PM United #4254 arrives at Newark Liberty International Airport

10:45 PM Saturday - United #90 departs Newark Liberty International Airport
4:20 PM Sunday

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13

4:20 - 7:00 PM Arrive at Ben Gurion International Airport
Transfer to Jerusalem

7:00 - 7:30 PM Check into the Inbal Hotel

7:30 PM Depart for dinner

7:45 - 8:15 PM *Setting the Stage*
Welcome and Orientation
- at La Guta

8:15 - 9:30 PM *The Pulse of Israel Today*
Dinner with Matti Friedman
Author and Journalist
- at La Guta

9:45 - 10:15 PM *Welcome to Jerusalem*
Understanding Jerusalem's Historic Basin

10:30 PM Overnight at the Inbal Hotel

MONDAY, AUGUST 14

7:45 AM Breakfast is served

8:00 - 9:00 AM	<i>Israeli Politics Primer</i> Breakfast with Professor Reuven Hazan Political Science Department, Hebrew University - at the Inbal hotel
9:15 AM	Depart hotel
9:30 AM - 12:30 PM	<i>Strategic Overview of Jerusalem, Part I : The Old City and the Holy Basin</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Church of the Holy Sepulcher • Via Dolórosa • Southern Wall Excavations • Western Wall • City of David
12:30 PM	Depart
1:00 - 2:30 PM	<i>Regional Threats Overview and the Palestinian Street</i> Lunch with <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amos Harel, Military Affairs Correpsondent, <i>Ha'aretz</i> • Avi Issacharoff, Arab Affairs Correspondent, <i>The Times of Israel</i> - at Caffit Botanical Gardens
2:45 PM	Depart for the Knesset
3:00 PM	Security check
3:30 - 4:30 PM	<i>Israeli Democracy in Action</i> Meetings with Members of Knesset <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Honorable Merav Ben Ari, Kulana Party • The Honorable Ofer Shelah, Yesh Atid Party - at the Knesset
4:45 PM	Depart
5:00 – 6:00 PM	<i>Strategic Overview of Jerusalem</i> <i>Part II: Jerusalem's Outlying Neighborhoods and the Security Barrier</i>
6:00 – 6:30 PM	Return to hotel
7:45 PM	Depart for dinner

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Colleague to Colleague

Dinner with Knesset Staffers from various political parties

- Michaela Cohen, Spokesperson to the Honorable Moshe Kahlon, Kulanu Party
- Tal Harris, Spokesman to the Honorable Amir Peretz, Zionist Union Party
- Ben Zilberberg, Advisor to the Honorable Amir Ohana, Likud Party
- Yair Zivan, Advisor to the Honorable Yair Lapid, Yesh Atid Party

- at Touro

9:45 PM

Overnight at the Inbal Hotel

TUESDAY, AUGUST 15

7:45 AM

Breakfast on your own in the main dining room

Luggage in the lobby

Check out

8:00 – 9:00 AM

Regional Strategic Briefing: Syria and Iraq

Briefing with Dr. Jonathan Spyer

Director, Rubin Center, Interdisciplinary Center, Herzliya

-at the Inbal hotel

9:15 AM

Depart the hotel

9:45 AM – 12:00 PM

The Meaning of the Holocaust in the Israeli Psyche

Visit to Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial and Museum

12:00 PM

Depart

12:30 – 2:15 PM

Palestinian Perspective

Lunch with Nidal Fogaha

Director General, Palestinian Peace Coalition/Geneva Initiative

- at the American Colony hotel

2:15 PM

Depart

2:45 - 4:00 PM

A View from the Prime Minister's Office

Meeting with David Keyes

Spokesperson to the Prime Minister

- at the Crowne Plaza Hotel

1:00 – 2:00 PM	Service in the IDF Today Lunch with Israeli Soldiers -at Leonardo, Ashkelon
2:00 PM	Depart
2:30 – 3:00 PM	<i>U.S.-Israel Cooperation: Iron Dome</i> IDF Briefing at Iron Dome Battery - at Ashkelon
3:00 PM	Depart
4:15 PM - 5:15 PM	<i>Arab-Israeli Perspective</i> Meeting with Mohammed Darawshe, Director of Planning, Equality, and Shared Living, Givat Haviva Educational Institute - at the Sheraton Tel Aviv hotel
5:15 PM	Meeting ends
7:15PM	Depart for dinner
7:45 – 9:30 PM	<i>Israel's Approach to Social Issues</i> Dinner with <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tziona Koenig-Yair, Immediate Past National Commissioner, Equal Employment Opportunities Commission • Rabbi Dov Lipman, Director of Public Diplomacy, World Zionist Organization • Pnina Radai, Resource Development Manager, Olim Beyahad • Dan Slyper, LGBT Caucus, Yesh Atid Party - at Spoons
9:30 PM	Overnight at the Sheraton Tel Aviv Hotel

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17

7:30 AM	Luggage in the lobby Check out
7:45 AM	Breakfast is served

SECRET

8:30 AM

Depart

11:00 AM

- Mount of Beatitudes
- Church of the Primacy of Saint Peter
- Capernaum

12:00 - 1:00 PM

1:00 PM

Depart

1:15 - 2:15 PM

2:15 - 5:30 PM

En route briefings:

- 5:30 PM

7:15 PM

Depart

7:45 - 9:00 PM

9:00 PM

Overnight at the Inbal Hotel

EMPLOYEE PRE-TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION

Date/Time Stamp:

SECRETARY OF THE SENATE

17 SEP -7 PM 4:17

Pre-Travel Filing Instructions: Complete and submit this form at least 30 days prior to the travel departure date to the Select Committee on Ethics in SH-220. Incomplete and late travel submissions will not be considered or approved. This form must be typed and is available as a fillable PDF on the Committee's website at ethics.senate.gov. Retain a copy of your entire pre-travel submission for your required post-travel disclosure.

Name of Traveler: Jared Joseph Jones

Employing Office/Committee: Office U.S. Senator Shelley Moore Capito

Private Sponsor(s) (list all): American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)

Travel date(s): August 12-20, 2017

Note: If you plan to extend the trip for any reason you must notify the Committee.

Destination(s): Israel

Explain how this trip is specifically connected to the traveler's official or representational duties:

The purpose of this trip is to explore foreign policy and national security concerns facing both Israel and the U.S., including the JCPOA, the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, and Hamas, as well as Iron Dome and the Syrian war refugee crisis, all of which fall under my legislative portfolio as Senator Capito's Military Legislative Assistant.

Name of accompanying family member (if any): None

Relationship to Employee: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge:

7/13/17
(Date)

Jared J. Jones
(Signature of Employee)

TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISING SENATOR/OFFICER (President of the Senate, Secretary of the Senate, Sergeant at Arms, Secretary for the Majority, Secretary for the Minority, and Chaplain):

I, Shelley Moore Capito hereby authorize Jared J. Jones
(Print Senator's/Officer's Name) (Print Traveler's Name)

an employee under my direct supervision, to accept payment or reimbursement for necessary transportation, lodging, and related expenses for travel to the event described above. I have determined that this travel is in connection with his or her duties as a Senate employee or an officeholder, and will not create the appearance that he or she is using public office for private gain.

I have also determined that the attendance of the employee's spouse or child is appropriate to assist in the representation of the Senate. (signify "yes" by checking box) ☐

7/13/17
(Date)

(Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer)

PRIVATE SPONSOR TRAVEL CERTIFICATION FORM

This form must be completed by any private entity offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to Senate Members, officers, or employees (Senate Rule 35, clause 2). Each sponsor of a fact-finding trip must sign the completed form. The trip sponsor(s) must provide a copy of the completed form to each invited Senate traveler, who will then forward it to the Ethics Committee with any other required materials. The trip sponsor(s) should **NOT** submit the form directly to the Ethics Committee. Please consult the accompanying instructions for more detailed definitions and other key information.

The Senate Member, officer, or employee **MUST** also provide a copy of this form, along with the appropriate travel authorization and reimbursement form, to the Office of Public Records (OPR), Room 232 of the Hart Building, within thirty (30) days after the travel is completed.

1. Sponsor(s) of the trip (please list all sponsors): American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)
2. Description of the trip: Please see attached
3. Dates of travel: August 12-20, 2017
4. Place of travel: Israel
5. Name and title of Senate invitees: Please see attached
6. I *certify* that the trip fits one of the following categories:
 - ☒ (A) The sponsor(s) are not registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal **and** do not retain or employ registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal **and** no lobbyist or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *at any point* throughout the trip.
 - OR –
 - ☐ (B) The sponsor or sponsors are not registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, but retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal and the trip meets the requirements of Senate Rule 35.2(a)(2)(A)(i) or (ii) (*see question 9*).
7. ☒ I *certify* that the trip will not be financed in any part by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal.
 - AND –
 - ☒ I *certify* that the sponsor or sponsors will not accept funds or in-kind contributions earmarked directly or indirectly for the purpose of financing this specific trip from a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal or from a private entity that retains or employs one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal.
8. I *certify* that:
 - ☒ The trip will not in any part be planned, organized, requested, or arranged by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal except for *de minimis* lobbyist involvement.
 - AND –
 - ☒ The traveler will not be accompanied on the trip by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal except as provided for by Committee regulations relating to lobbyist accompaniment (*see question 9*).

9. **USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 6(B)**

I *certify* that if the sponsor or sponsors retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, one of the following scenarios applies:

☐ (A) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and one overnight stay) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *on any segment* of the trip.

– OR –

☐ (B) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and two overnight stays) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *on any segment* of the trip (*see questions 6 and 10*).

– OR –

☐ (C) The trip is being sponsored only by an organization or organizations designated under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *at any point* throughout the trip.

10. **USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 9(B)**

If the trip includes two overnight stays, please explain why the second night is practically required for Senate invitees to participate in the travel:

11. ☒ An itinerary for the trip is attached to this form. I *certify* that the attached itinerary is a detailed (hour-by-hour), complete, and final itinerary for the trip.

12. Briefly describe the role of each sponsor in organizing and conducting the trip:

AIEF is solely responsible for recruiting, coordinating, executing, and funding all aspects of this trip.

13. Briefly describe the stated mission of each sponsor and how the purpose of the trip relates to that mission:

AIEF is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization with the mission of providing educational programming about the U.S.-Israel relationship.

14. Briefly describe each sponsor's prior history of sponsoring congressional trips:

Please see attached.

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15. Briefly describe the educational activities performed by each sponsor (other than sponsoring congressional trips):

Please see attached.

16. Total Expenses for Each Participant:

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good Faith estimate <input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amounts	\$2,319.58	\$1,344	\$966	\$2,456.14 Breakdown attached

17. State whether a) the trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation or b) the trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *specifically with regard* to congressional participation:

b) The trip involves an event that is arranged or organized specifically with regard to congressional participation.

18. Reason for selecting the location of the event or trip

The trip will take place in Israel in order to educate participants about the U.S.-Israel relationship.

19. Name and location of hotel or other lodging facility:

Inbal Jerusalem, Sheraton Tel Aviv, Nof Ginosar Tiberias

20. Reason(s) for selecting hotel or other lodging facility:

Location and affordability

21. Describe how the daily expenses for lodging, meals, and other expenses provided to trip participants compares to the maximum per diem rates for official Federal Government travel:

Please see attached

22. Describe the type and class of transportation being provided. Indicate whether coach, business-class or first class transportation will be provided. If first-class fare is being provided, please explain why first-class travel is necessary:

Participants will fly coach class on a commercial airline.

23. ☒ I represent that the travel expenses that will be paid for or reimbursed to Senate invitees do not include expenditures for recreational activities or entertainment (other than entertainment provided to all attendees as an integral part of the event, as permissible under Senate Rule 35).

24. List any entertainment that will be provided to, paid for, or reimbursed to Senate invitees and explain why the entertainment is an integral part of the event:

n/a

25. I hereby *certify* that the information contained herein is true, complete and correct. (You must include the completed signature block below for each travel sponsor.):

Signature of Travel Sponsor:

Name and Title: Richard Fishman, Executive Director

Name of Organization: American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)

Address: 251 H Street NW, Washington DC 20001

Telephone Number: (202) 639-5233

Fax Number: n/a

E-mail Address: rfishman@aiefdn.org

Senate Invitees

1. Toni-Marie Higgins, Legislative Director, Sen. John Boozman (R-AR)
2. Katie Waldman, Press Secretary, Sen. Steve Daines (R-MT)
3. Matthew Jensen, Deputy Legislative Director, Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-UT)
4. Blake Souter, Defense and Foreign Policy Analyst, Sen. Tim Kaine (D-VA)
5. Jared Jones, Military Legislative Assistant, Sen. Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV)
6. William Bode, Legislative Correspondent, Sen. Thom Tillis (R-NC)

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Congressional Staff
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Addendum

2. Description of the Trip

This seminar, which will be on the ground in Israel for seven days, is specifically designed to explore foreign policy and defense issues related to the U.S.-Israel relationship. Some of the key issues to be addressed include: the status of Iranian compliance with the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, and Iran's continued malign regional activities; the impact of Syrian civil war along Israel's northern border; the internal political situations of both Israel and the Palestinian Authority, the status of the peace process; and the expanded cooperation between the U.S. and Israel in fighting terrorism and proliferation.

The seminar will consist of discussions with Israeli government officials, military officers, Members of the Knesset, Palestinian representatives and U.S. officials, as well as site surveys of the northern border with Lebanon and Syria, the southern border with the Gaza Strip, and the security fence. The seminar also aims to provide the political, historic, and religious context to the current conflicts and issues facing Israel and the region. It will explore the connection the three monotheistic religions have with the land and the influence this connection has on today's struggles. In addition to formal meetings and briefings, the trip provides experiential opportunities to help better understand the geographical complications, the security implications, and the historic root causes of the current conflicts.

14/15. Sponsor Information

Founded in 1990, the American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF) is the charitable organization affiliated with AIPAC, America's pro-Israel lobby. The Foundation's fundamental purpose is to maintain and further the relationship between the U.S. and Israel. AIEF works to inform the public about Israel and the importance of the U.S.-Israel relationship, to expand public awareness about issues affecting the Middle East, and to encourage participation in public affairs, especially by young people. AIEF grants support innovative and award-winning programming that educates a wide array of participants, including college students, members of Congress and their staff, and political professionals.

AIEF funds Israel Seminars for members of Congress, Capitol Hill staffers, students, political consultants, as well as religiously motivated pro-Israel Christian, Latino and African American leaders. These trips to Israel are among the most critical programs AIEF supports on behalf of the U.S.-Israel relationship. These educational seminars allow policy makers to understand the complex historical, religious and geographic context of the Arab-Israeli conflict. Participants have the opportunity to meet with Israeli government officials, military officers, members of the Knesset, U.S. government officials, Palestinian Authority officials and leading academics and journalists. For many of the participants, who make important decisions impacting Israel and the Middle East, these trips are their first, and sometimes, only exposure to the country.

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-AIEF considers the security of its trip participants as its highest priority. A security team accompanies all participants throughout the trip.

- Honoraria for guest speakers

-AIEF pays an upcharge of 21% per room per night, split between our U.S. and Israeli travel vendors

-As a detailed historical understanding is crucial to maximizing the educational aspect of the trip, a licensed tour guide accompanies the group throughout the trip.

Meals for contract staff and speakers: \$152.38 per person

-The cost of renting rooms at hotels and restaurants for meetings and meals with speakers.

Entrance Fees: \$42.86 per person

- Several sites require an entrance fee, including the southern Western Wall excavations and the holy sites around the Sea of Galilee.

Other: \$23.81 per person

-Briefing materials, miscellaneous

On each trip we take a group photo with a professional photographer

It is customary to tip the driver and tour guide that accompany trip participants.

The expenses for lodging and meals are within the international per diems for Israel. The estimate for meal expenses includes the cost for meals, snacks, and water. It does not include alcohol, as we do not pay for alcohol per Senate ethics rules.

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Welcome and Orientation
- at Touro

8:15 PM - 9:45 PM *State of the Nation*
Dinner with Matti Friedman
Author and Journalist
- at Touro

Matti Friedman

The opening dinner features Matti Friedman, a renowned reporter with a career that has taken him from Lebanon to Morocco, Cairo, Moscow and Washington, D.C., and to conflicts in Israel in the Caucasus. Mr. Friedman is a dynamic and insightful speaker who will provide the group an illuminating synthesis of domestic political trends, current international affairs and the general state of mind of the Israeli citizens.

9:45 PM - 10:30 PM *Welcome to Jerusalem*
Understanding Jerusalem's Historic Basin

Jerusalem

Throughout its 4,000 year history, the city of Jerusalem has changed hands many times. As home to the world's three great monotheistic religions — Judaism, Christianity and Islam — Jerusalem is probably the most disputed city in history. Today, the status of Jerusalem remains the most contentious issue in the Arab-Israeli conflict. Jerusalem has been at the heart of all recent Israeli-Palestinian negotiations, from the Oslo Accords to the Camp David Summit to the Taba negotiations, and in the most recent talks under

the auspices of the U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry. To understand the current political issues, it is critical to understand Jerusalem's history and the role it has played in shaping the Middle East. This seminar will include site visits to various locations in and around Jerusalem to give participants a first-hand look at the historic significance of the city, as well as its geographic layout.

10:30 PM Overnight at the Inbal Hotel

MONDAY, AUGUST 14

7:45 AM Breakfast is served

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM *Israeli Politics Primer*
Breakfast with Professor Reuven Hazan
Political Science Department, Hebrew University
- at the hotel

Professor Reuven Hazan

It is critical for trip participants to have an understanding of the parliamentary system in Israel. Professor Hazan explains how the parliamentary party system works, how coalitions rise and fall, and how Israeli politics differ from American politics. Since the group will be visiting with government officials throughout the week, we believe it's important to provide this overview early in the seminar.

9:00 AM Session concludes

9:15 AM Depart hotel

9:30 AM - 12:30 PM *Strategic Overview of Jerusalem*
Part I : The Old City and the Holy Basin

- Church of the Holy Sepulcher
- Via Dolorosa
- Southern Wall Excavations
- Western Wall
- City of David

Old City of Jerusalem & the Holy Basin

The Old City of Jerusalem is home to the holiest shrines of the three monotheistic religions, including the Temple Mount, the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, and the Al-Aqsa Mosque. During the Camp David II talks, the Palestinians and Israelis differed on the Jerusalem question, namely the Old City, the status of Arab neighborhoods just outside the Old City, and religious sites such as the Temple Mount.

The Holy Basin is the historic location of Jerusalem and refers to the land surrounding the Old City, including the Mount of Olives, which is believed to be the departure point for Jesus' final entry into Jerusalem and where Jews have been burying their dead for 2,500 years. The Holy Basin also includes the Western Wall, Judaism's holiest site, and the Temple Mount (Haram al-Sharif), sacred ground for Jews, Muslims, and Christians. Control over these sensitive areas remains among the largest disputes in the Middle East.

5:45 PM Return to hotel

7:45 PM Depart for dinner

8:00 PM - 9:45 PM *Colleague to Colleague: Knesset Staffers*
Dinner with Knesset Staffers from various political parties

- Uri Perednick, Likud
- Michaela Cohen, Kulanu
- Yair Zivan, Yesh Atid
- Shaked Hasson, Zionist Union

- at La Guta

9:45 PM **Overnight at the Inbal Hotel**

TUESDAY, AUGUST 15

7:30 AM Breakfast on your own in the main dining room
Luggage in the lobby
Check out

8:15 AM	Depart the hotel
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8:45 AM - 11:00 AM *The Meaning of the Holocaust in the Israeli Psyche*
Visit to Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial and Museum

Yad Vashem

One cannot understand Israel's position on Iran's nuclear program without understanding the trauma of the Holocaust. Israelis view threats to its destruction in light of the events of the 1930s and 1940s, when the German government's threats to exterminate the Jewish people were not taken seriously by the international community. This museum provides an important reference point as to how Israelis interpret the threat of an Iranian nuclear program and Iranian leaders committed to Israel's destruction.

Yad Vashem, the Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Authority, was established in 1953 by an act of the Israeli Knesset. Since its inception, Yad Vashem has been entrusted with documenting the history of the Jewish people during the Holocaust period, preserving the memory and story of each of the six million victims, and imparting the legacy of the Holocaust for generations to come through its archives, library, school, museums and recognition of the Righteous Among the Nations. Located on Har Hazikaron (the Mount of Remembrance) in Jerusalem, Yad Vashem is a sprawling complex of museums, exhibits, archives, monuments, sculptures, and memorials.

Every foreign leader that travels to Israel visits Yad Vashem. Yad Vashem has become a symbol of the Jewish people and its transformation from total helplessness to self-reliance and strength. Thus, a visit to Yad Vashem provides a historical context for the Jewish state. The museum's professional docent will guide the group through the main exhibit hall and the children's memorial.

11:00 AM Depart

11:30 AM - 12:45 PM *A Model for Coexistence*
Visit to Hand in Hand Center for Jewish-Arab Education

Hand in Hand Center for Jewish-Arab Education

The mission of Hand in Hand Center for Jewish-Arab Education in Israel is to create a strong, inclusive, shared society in Israel through a network of Jewish-Arab integrated bilingual schools and organized communities. A recipient of USAID, Hand in Hand currently operates 5 schools throughout Israel attended by 1100 students, with a goal of 15 schools nation-wide over the next decade. The Max Rayne Hand in Hand School in Jerusalem is the first school opened by Hand in Hand, as well as its largest. The visit to the Yad b'Yad school in Jerusalem will be an opportunity to explore Israel's education system, prevailing divisions within Israeli society, the challenges of teaching a fractured student body with often dueling historical narratives and how the Hand in Hand model seeks to shape prospects for co-existence both today, and for those who will take the mantle in the future.

12:45 PM Depart

1:15 PM - 3:00 PM *A View from the Palestinian Authority*
Lunch with Nidal Foaqa
Director General, Palestinian Peace Coalition/Geneva Initiative
- at the American Colony hotel

3:00 PM Depart

3:30 PM - 4:30 PM *A View from the Prime Minister's Office*
Meeting with David Keyes
Spokesperson to the Prime Minister
- at the Crowne Plaza Hotel

4:30 PM - 6:00 PM Travel to Tel Aviv

En route briefing:
Let There Be Water: Israel Solves its Water Crisis

Let There Be Water: Israel Solves its Water Crisis

In an era of booming populations, shrinking resources and environmental degradation, Israel leads the world in critical fields such as seawater desalination. As nations struggle to make the best use of their resources, Israel's cutting-edge technologies promise to improve the health and living standards of hundreds of millions across the globe, while making industry more efficient and minimizing the environmental impact of human activities.

Israel operates two of the world's largest desalination plants, the Hadera and Sorek plant. Israel is both 60 percent desert and one of the world's most densely populated countries, so desalination has become a necessity of life. By 2016 it is expected that up to 50 percent of Israel's water supply will be provided by desalination plants.

Israel's success with desalinization has attracted the attention of many developing countries. For one, China has selected an Israeli company to build China's largest desalination plant. The same Israeli company is also working to build the biggest desalinization plant in India. Israeli companies worked with San Diego

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6:00 PM **Check into Sheraton Tel Aviv Hotel**

7:45 PM Depart for dinner

8:00 PM - 9:30 PM *Regional Threats Overview and the Palestinian Street*
Dinner with:

Avi Issacharoff Arab Affairs Correspondent, Times of Israel

- Amos Harel, Military Affairs Correspondent, Ha'aretz - at Lumina

9:30 PM Overnight at the Sheraton Tel Aviv Hotel

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16

7:15 AM Breakfast on own at the hotel

8:15 AM Depart for southern Israel

9:30 AM - 10:00 AM *Life under Rocket Fire*
Part I: Briefings on Israel's Border with the Gaza Strip
- at Kibbutz Nir Am

10:00 AM Depart

10:30 AM - 11:30 AM *Life Under Rocket Fire*
Part II: Meeting with Oshrit Sabag, local resident
- at Kibbutz Nahal Oz

Life Under Rocket Fire

Since 2001, Israeli communities bordering the Gaza Strip have been living under the threat of rocket fire. Since the Israeli withdrawal from the Gaza Strip in 2005 and the Hamas takeover of the Gaza Strip in 2007, the volume, range and accuracy of the rockets has only increased. The summer of 2014 witnessed Operation Protective Edge, which returned the issue of rocket fire from Gaza to international headlines. At Kibbutz Nir Am, participants will be able to see the border between Israel and the Gaza Strip, to better comprehend the landscape of the region, as well as the unique challenges faced by this area. The visit to Kibbutz Nal Oz and meeting with a local resident will be an opportunity to better understand the reality of living just kilometers from Israel's border with Gaza, to learn how almost 15 years of rocket fire has shaped those living in the communities most affected, to discuss the advent of Hamas "terror tunnels" into Israel's border towns and how communities have sought to cope with the threat on their doorstep, both physically and psychologically.

11:30 AM Depart

12:15 AM - 12:45 PM *U.S.-Israel Cooperation: Iron Dome*
IDF Briefing at Iron Dome Battery
- at Ashkelon

The Iron Dome

12:45 PM Depart

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7:45 AM **Breakfast is served**

9:15 AM Depart for northern Israel

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The sliver of Israeli land west of the West Bank is often referred to as the Hadera-Gadera rectangle, with the city of Hadera denoting the northern point, and the city of Gadera the southern point. The Hadera-Gadera rectangle is home to over 50 percent of Israel's population, as well as civilian infrastructure. The area is also home to Israel's "Silicon Valley," as well as Ben Gurion international airport.

10:45 AM - 12:30 PM Depart

- *The Jezreel Valley: The Strategic Land Bridge connecting Asia and Africa*
- *Upper Galilee: Potential for Development*

Our tour guide will spend an hour during the drive from Israel's center to the north to provide the delegation a briefing on the Jezreel Valley and the Upper Galilee and the challenges facing these regions of the country.

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12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	<i>Israel's Northern Border</i> <i>Part II: Briefing on the border with Syria</i> With Cpt. (Res.) Ilan Shulman - at Ein Zivan
1:00 PM	Depart
1:15 PM - 2:30 PM	Lunch Joined by IDF soldiers serving in a variety of units - at Habokrim
2:30 PM - 5:30 PM	Depart for Jerusalem Travel via the Jordan Valley En route briefings: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Israel's Relations with the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan</i>• <i>Jordan's Syrian Refugee Crisis</i>

Jordan: Relations with Israel, and the Growing Refugee Crisis

The tour guide will spend approximately an hour during the drive through the Jordan Valley to explore several topics related to Israel's eastern neighbor: specifically, Israeli-Jordanian strategic cooperation, as well as the implications of the Syrian civil war on the Kingdom.

The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan became the second Arab country after Egypt to recognize Israel when it signed a comprehensive peace agreement that ended nearly five decades of warfare. Shepherded by United States President Bill Clinton, the accord signed on Oct. 6, 1994, marked the onset of a new era of economic, cultural, and political dialogue and cooperation between the two countries.

In recent years, the two countries have worked together to combat the increased threat from terrorism by coordinating their security efforts and preventing infiltrations across their shared border. Today, Jordan hosts over 1.4 million Syrian refugees fleeing civil war. Following our discussion with Israeli soldiers patrolling the Syrian border, our guide will address how the influx of Syrian refugees and the threats in the region impact Jordan internally; as well as relations and further potential for strategic partnership between Jordan, the United States, and Israel.

5:30 PM	Check into the Inbal Jerusalem Hotel
7:15 PM	Depart
7:45 PM - 9:00 PM	<i>Reflections on the Sabbath in Jerusalem</i> Traditional Sabbath dinner with Rabbi Susan Silverman and Yossi Abramowitz - at their home in Jerusalem
10:00 PM	Overnight at the Inbal Hotel

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19

08:00 AM **Breakfast on own**
- at the hotel, main dining room

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Jericho Road and the E-1 Corridor: Strategic Concerns

On the drive from Jerusalem to Masada, the group will travel on the highway known as the “Jericho Road” is the strategic importance of the area east of Jerusalem. In 1948 and in 1967, the Jordanian army attacked Jerusalem from the east – the 1948 attack resulted in the city’s division that lasted until 1967. Since then Israel has established the City of Ma’ale Adumim east of Jerusalem, today home to some 40,000 residents. To the Palestinians, however, Ma’ale Adumim is the largest settlement on the West Bank. When Israel attempted to expand Ma’ale Adumim’s boundary, into an area known as “E-1,” the U.S. State Department stepped in and asked that no construction take place there. The issue needs to be examined with those discussing the future of Jerusalem in the context of the Israeli-Palestinian negotiations.

History and Geopolitics of the Roman Empire

The Sabbath in Israel begins Friday afternoon and concludes on Saturday evening. During the Sabbath, virtually everything in the country is closed including all government offices, businesses, newspapers etc. Therefore, for years, we have used Saturdays to expose our congressional members and staff delegations to some of the key historical and cultural sites in Israel such as Masada. Masada, which was excavated in the 1960s, is considered one of the most important archeological sites in Israel, indeed in the whole world.

The ancient story of Masada has important contemporary relevance for the modern State of Israel. "Masada shall never fall again" has become the watchword of the country which has faced existential threats since its founding in 1948. Israel's elite military units, for example, are sworn in on top of Masada in a symbolic act of defiance against Israel's contemporary enemies. These soldiers along with the thousands of Israeli school children who visit Masada each year learn the lesson that Israel should never become so weak again that it would ever face national suicide as an option.

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geographical wonders of the Negev desert and the Dead Sea. We will process the range of topics explored, including the U.S.-Israel strategic partnership, prospects for Arab-Israeli peace, the experience of minorities in Israel, as well as greater existential threats throughout the region. Participants will also have the opportunity to share their takeaways, and ask any lingering questions that weren't covered throughout the week.

8:45 PM Depart for Ben Gurion Airport

11:10 PM Saturday - Flight departs
4:15 AM Sunday

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20

4:15 AM - 6:00 AM Arrive at Newark Liberty International Airport

6:00 AM - 7:20 AM Depart Newark Liberty International Airport

7:20 AM Arrive Washington Dulles International Airport

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